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Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in General Assembly resolution 70/290, entitled "High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants"

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report details additional budgetary requirements resulting from the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 70/290, on the basis of draft resolution A/70/L.54. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Secretary-General submitted a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/70/L.54 (A/70/967), in which he informed the Assembly that the implementation of the requests contained in the draft resolution would give rise to additional resource requirements in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the President of the Assembly drew the attention of the Assembly to the statement of programme budget implications and noted that the Fifth Committee would examine the revised estimates resulting from the draft resolution during the main part of the seventy-first session of the Assembly. Consequently, the financial provisions, as appropriate, would be considered as an additional budget appropriation to be approved by the Assembly for the biennium 2016-2017 (see A/70/PV.108).

The Secretariat estimates that the implementation of paragraphs 1 (a) and (c) and 11 (a) and (b) of resolution 70/290 would entail additional requirements of $305,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

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I. Introduction

1. At its 108th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2016, the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/290, entitled "High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants", on the basis of draft resolution A/70/L.54. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Secretary-General submitted a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/70/L.54 (A/70/967), in which he informed the Assembly that the implementation of the requests contained in the draft resolution would give rise to additional resource requirements in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

2. Before the adoption of the resolution, the President of the Assembly drew the attention of the Assembly to the statement of programme budget implications and noted that the Fifth Committee would examine the revised estimates resulting from the draft resolution during the main part of the seventy-first session of the Assembly. Consequently, the financial provisions, as appropriate, would be considered as an additional budget appropriation to be approved by the Assembly for the biennium 2016-2017 (see A/70/PV.108).

II. Requests contained in the resolution

3. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 (a) and (c) and 11 (a) and (b) of resolution 70/290, the General Assembly decided that:

(a) The high-level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants would consist of a plenary meeting and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables, and that the organizational arrangements would be as follows:

(i) The opening plenary meeting would be held in the General Assembly Hall from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.;

(ii) Following the opening meeting, the plenary meeting would be held simultaneously in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.;

(iii) The sequence envisaged for the round tables, although it could be subject to modification, in consultation with Member States, is that round tables 1, 2 and 3 would be held in parallel, each running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and round tables 4, 5 and 6 would be held in parallel, each running from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

(iv) The closing plenary meeting would be held in the General Assembly Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.;

(b) The outcome document of the high-level meeting would be adopted during the opening plenary meeting;

(c) The process of intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document would be in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly;

(d) The initial draft of the outcome document would be prepared by the co-facilitators on the basis of views provided by Member States.

III. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

4. The activities requested in the resolution relate to programme 1 of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

IV. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

5. Pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 11 of resolution 70/290, the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants would be held on 19 September 2016. The high-level meeting would consist of a plenary meeting and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables. The plenary meeting would consist of an opening plenary meeting to be held from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. followed by two parallel plenary meetings to be held from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. and a closing plenary meeting to be held from 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The six round tables would be held as follows: round tables 1-3 would be held in parallel from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and round tables 4-6 would be held in parallel from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

6. Accordingly, the opening plenary meeting, the parallel plenary meetings and the closing plenary meeting would require eight meetings with interpretation in all six languages and verbatim records, of which two meetings would be covered from existing entitlements of the General Assembly. In addition, the six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables would require six meetings with interpretation in all six languages but would not have verbatim records. Accordingly, a total of 14 meetings (7 in the morning and 7 in the afternoon) would take place on 19 September 2016. Thus, a total of 12 meetings with interpretation in all six languages and a total of 6 meetings with verbatim records in all six languages would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2016. This would entail additional requirements for meetings services in the amount of $72,000 and for verbatim services in the amount of $186,000 in 2016.

7. Furthermore, the request for documentation contained in paragraphs 1 (c) and 11 (b) of the resolution would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one document of 10,700 words to be issued in all six languages in 2016. This would entail additional requirements for documentation services in the amount of $47,000 in 2016.

V. Financial implications of the proposals

8. Additional conference-servicing requirements of $305,000 for the biennium 2016-2017 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 to implement the additional workload. The details of these additional requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Amount
Interpretation	72 000
Verbatim services	186 000
Pre-session documentation	47 000
Total	**305 000**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

9. No provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the activities requested under paragraphs 1 and 11 of the resolution. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the section of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that additional non-recurrent resources in the amount of $305,000 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017.

VII. Contingency fund

10. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Action required of the General Assembly

11. **Accordingly, the General Assembly is requested to approve an additional appropriation, representing a charge against the contingency fund, in the amount of $305,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.**